

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

ABSTRACT

Public Services – PR & RD Dept – Kadapa Dist – Certain irregularities committed in execution of certain silt application works under NREGA in V.N. Palli (M), Kadapa Dist by Sri P. Viswanatham, MEO and Sri C. Venkatesu, former MPDO, V.N. Palli (M), Kadapa Dist – Disciplinary action initiated by framing articles of charges against Sri P. Viswanatham, MEO and Sri C. Venkatesu, former MPDO, V.N. Palli (M), Kadapa Dist – Appointed Superintending Engineer, Panchayat Raj, Kadapa and Executive Engineer, Panchayat Raj, Kadapa as Inquiry Officer and Presenting Officer – Denovo Enquiry – Orders – Issued.

PANCHAYAT RAJ AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (VIG.II) DEPARTMENT

G.O. Rt. No. 341

Dated. 01.03.2013

Read the following:

1. From the ENC, PR., Lr. No. Vig. (4)/30599/08, Dt. 01.12.2008
2. Govt. Memo. No. 27816/Vig.II/A1/2008-1, Dt. 20.12.2008
3. Govt. Memo. No. 27816/Vig.II/A1/2008-2, Dt. 20.12.2008
4. Procds. Rc. No. E2/2894/08, Dt. 19.08.2008 of the District Collector, Kadapa
5. Charge Memo. No. Vig. II(2)/30599/08, Dt. 22.09.2008 of the Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, Hyderabad
6. From Sri C. Venkatesu, MPDO, written Statement of Defence dt. 7.9.2008
7. From Sri P. Viswanatham, MEO, written statement of Defence dt. 20.10.2008
8. From the ENC, PR, Lr. No. Vig. (4)/30599/08, Dt. 10.03.2010
9. G.O. Rt. No. 345 PR & RD (Vig. II) Dept., Dt. 10.03.2011
10. G.O. Rt. No. 346 PR & RD (Vig. II) Dept., Dt. 10.03.2011
11. Lr. No. Vig. I(4)/30599/08, Dt. 11.04.2012 of Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, Hyderabad along with Lr. Rc. No. C2/651/EO/2011, Dt. 28.02.2012 of the SE, PR, Kadapa
12. Fax Message received from PD, DWMA, Kadapa Dist., Dt. 11.12.2012

ORDER:

In the reference 1st read above, the Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, Hyderabad has informed that Sri P. Viswanatham, MEO, V.N. Palli (M), has committed irregularities in execution of certain silt application works under NREGS resulting which an amount of Rs. 36.54 lakhs was misappropriated. Sri P. Viswanatham, MEO has super checked most of the silt application works and from the Enquiry Reports, silt application has not been done even in 25% of the extent of which MEO, MPDO and others are responsible.

2. Disciplinary action was initiated by framing article of charges and calling their written statements of deference against Sri P. Viswantham, MEO and Sri C. Venkatesu, former MPDO, V.N. Palli (M), Kadapa Dist vide reference 4th and 5th read above.

3. The Charged Officers viz., Sri P. Viswanatham, MEO and Sri C. Venkatesu, former MPDO, V.N. Palli (M), Kadapa dist have submitted their written statement of defence, in the reference 6th and 7th read above.

4. In the reference 9th read above, Government have issued common proceedings to institute the disciplinary proceedings against Sri P. Viswanatham, MEO and Sri C. Venkatesu, former MPDO, V.N. Palli (M), Kadapa Dist.

5. In the reference 10th read above, Government have appointed the Superintending Engineer, Panchayat Raj, Kadapa as Inquiry Officer and the Executive Engineer, Panchayat Raj, Kadapa as Presenting officer under Rule 20 (2) & Rule 20 (5) (c) of APCS (CC&A) Rules, 1991 respectively.

6. In the reference 11th read above, the Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, Hyderabad has forwarded the Inquiry Report of the Inquiry Officer Sri K. Govinda Rao, Superintending Engineer, Kadapa on the allegations against Sri P. Viswanatham, MEO and Sri C. Venkatesu, former MPDO, V.N. Palli (M), Kadapa Dist.

7. Government have examined the matter and observed that the Superintending Engineer's inquiry report is slipshod, subjective and misleading. The statement that "NREGS functionaries responsible for identification have been left free" has been verified from obtaining a report from PD, DWMA, Kadapa, YSR Dist. Contrary to the findings of the Inquiry Authority, the EGS functionaries responsible were terminated from service. Hence, the Inquiry Report has been found as misleading with an intention to shift the blame to EGS functionaries alone.

8. After examining the matter, Government have decided to order denova enquiry on the allegations against Sri P. Viswanatham, MEO and Sri C. Venkatesu, former MPDO, V.N. Palli (M), Kadapa Dist and hereby appoint Sri D. Malyadri, Chief Executive Officer, Kadapa as Inquiry Officer, under Rule 20 (2) of Andhra Pradesh Civil Service (CC&A) Rules, 1991, to conduct Denova Enquiry against Sri P. Viswanatham, MEO and Sri C. Venkatesu, former MPDO, V.N. Palli (M), Kadapa Dist.

9. Government also hereby appoint Dr. P. Yadubhushan Reddy, Project Director, DWMA, Kadapa as Presenting Officer, to present the case before the Inquiry Officer, appointed in Para 8 above, on behalf of the Government, under Rule 20 (5) (c) of APCS (CC&A) Rules, 1991.

10. The Presenting Officer shall acquaint himself with the facts of the case and present the case, before the Inquiry Officer, effectively. He is also requested to obtain and produce all necessary documents required by the Enquiry officer, during the course of enquiry.

11. The Enquiry Officer shall conduct enquiry strictly in terms of Rule 20 of APCS (CC&A) Rules, 1991 and submit his report, as required under sub-rule 18 (ii) of the above said Rule. Copies of Charge Memos issued to the Charged Officers and the Written Statements of Defence submitted by Sri P. Viswanatham, MEO and Sri C. Venkatesu, former MPDO, V.N. Palli (M), Kadapa District, are herewith furnished to the Inquiry Officer, as required under Rule 20 (7) of APCS (CC&A) Rules, 1991.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

V. NAGI REDDY
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVT (PR)

To

- 1) Sri D. Malyadri
Inquiry officer & CEO, Kadapa (w.e's)
- 2) Sri Dr. P. Yadubhushan Reddy,
Presenting Officer & PD, DWMA, Kadapa
- 3) Sri P. Viswanatham, MEO, V.N. Palli (M), Kadapa dist

(through Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, Hyderabad)

- 4) Sri C. Venkatesu, former MPDO, V.N. Palli (M), Kadapa Dist
(through CPR &RE, AP, Hyderabad)

Copy to:

- 5) The Commissioner of PR&RE, AP, Hyderabad
- 6) The Engineer-in-Chief, PR, Hyderabad
(with a request to serve the copies of this order and furnish acknowledgement of served copies)
- 7) The Secretary to Vigilance Commission, APVC
(w.r.to Ir. No. 8879/VC. G1/2008-4, Dt. 31.12.2012)
- 8) SF/SC

//FORWARDED BY ORDER//

SECTION OFFICER